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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AND CHINA

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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED, IN A GENERAL REVIEW OF BANGLADESH'S FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH ME ON APRIL 29, AGAIN SPOKE FAVORABLY ABOUT THE CHANGED ATMOSPHERE IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE. HE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A BDG TRADE DELEGATION WOULD BE LEAVING FOR CANTON IN ABOUT A WEEK AND THAT PEKING HAD PUBLISHED A RECENT BDG MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF ACTING PRESIDENT, A MESSAGE WHICH ONE OF BDG'S "CHINA HANDS" HAD INSPIRED.

2. HE CONFIRMED THAT S.A. KARIM, BDG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WOULD BE RETURNING TO DACCA IN THIRD WEEK OF MAY BEFORE PROCEEDING ON VISIT TO NORTH KOREA BY WAY OF STOPOVER IN PEKING. KARIM EITHER HAD CHINESE VISA OR HAD BEEN ASSURED HE WOULD
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RECEIVE ONE. DURING KARIM'S STAY IN DACCA, QUESTION

OF RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA WOULD BE REVIEWED IN
ANTICIPATION OF HIS STOP IN PEKING. FOREIGN SECRETARY
COMMENTED INTERESTINGLY THAT OTHER DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT
"OVERSHADOW" THIS BY THAT TIME. ALTHOUGH HE CONCLUDED
BY STRESSING NEED FOR PATIENCE IN DEALING WITH CHINESE,
HE APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT BDG GOAL OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH PEKING IS PERCEPTIBLY NEARER.
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